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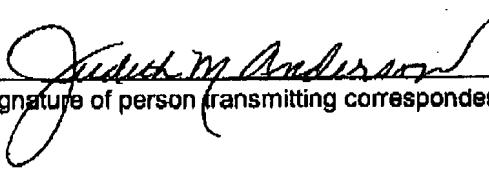
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-20 and which was mailed on 01/18/2007, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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